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Sir:

The information, patents and/or literature references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being submitted within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under §1.53(d). **Therefore, no fee is due.**

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The Specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications, to correct certain grammatic and typographic errors, and to refer properly to the revised drawings, which were amended as required in the

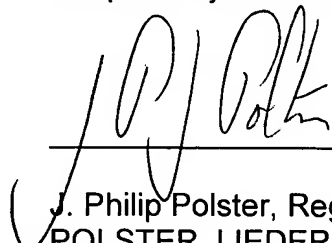
parent application. In paragraph 54, "increasing" has been changed to "decreasing" to conform to the obvious meaning of the sentence.

The claims of the present application are directed to the same invention as disclosed and claimed in McGeer et al., U.S. Patent 6,264,140. The claims of that patent were copied in the parent of the present application, within one year from the issue date of that patent. The present claims are substantially the same as the claims presented in the parent application, as amended to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. In particular, claims 14 and 34-46 are substantially the same as claims 1-14 of the patent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 162201. *Duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.*

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